

Class 16
Honoring God
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Imagine trying to get from someplace in California to some place in Maine without a road map.

How do you get from nonexistence to heaven without some directions from the one who know how to get from nonexistence to heaven?

This is the reason for the 10 commandments. They are a road map.

There are 10 directions.

These directions are for our spirits, our souls;

How our souls relate and respond to our creator God

And how our souls relate and respond to our fellow created human beings.

The first 3 speak about our relation to god and the last 7 speak about with our relationships with other people.

Let's look at the first 3 commandments and see what they tell us to do.

Basically they tell us to honor God.

2 Honoring God.... This chapter is going to be about honoring god.

I would ask you to ask yourselves at this point the following question.

Given that everything I have including;

my body

and my earthly life

and a promise of an everlasting life in a perfect environment with constant companionship of the creator of the universe.....

Do I honor god, do I give him a couple minutes of my thoughts a few times every day, every week or even every month or ever at all?

A good measure of how we honor god is how well we live according to the 10 commandments.

Jesus said if you love me, keep my commandments.

3 Have you ever heard the expression, written in stone?

The 10 commandments were written in stone by the finger of god.

If you read genesis it actually says god wrote on the front and the back of the stone tablets.

4 These stone tablets were kept in the arc of the covenant which is why the arc was considered so sacred.

This arc of the covenant is what was kept in the Holy of holies, the room in back of the thick curtain in the Jewish holy temple in Jerusalem.

This is the room where only the Jewish high priest could enter and only once a year because God did not talk directly to the people but only to the priests.

This is the veil that was ripped in two from top to bottom at Jesus death that we have mentioned a couple times that signified Jesus' death allowed us access to god the Father.

5 These commandments are absolutely unchangeable

They were given to the Israelites to make natural law clear to all, not just Israelites

The commandments are serious non-changing obligations for all time

They cover a lot of ground, more than meets the eye or in this case the ear since we just hear the commandments.

6 for instances the 5th commandment says thou shalt not kill, but it also implies we should withhold any anger or verbal abuse from others.

Read slide 6

Bullies commit this sin regularly even though they may never take a life from someone.

7 the 6th commandment says thou shalt not commit adultery, but it also says one must not have evil thoughts of another person's spouse, their wife or husband. read slide 7

You can have all the physical thoughts you want of your wife because you and she are 1 person in the eyes of god.

This is God's gift to married people who remain faithful to the vows they take at the marriage ceremony.

God demands us to remain married to the same person for the rest of our lives.

It says in the Bible God hates divorce, because it causes so much pain to so many people.

God hates to see people go through all this emotional and psychological suffering.

These are not my words or my laws but these are the words of the Lord as written in the Bible.

As far as god is concerned this gift is totally reserved for married people and not for single persons.

Furthermore this gift is only for the husband and wife and not for any persons other than them.

When you live together as man and woman without being married in the church to one another, you, in the eyes of God are not married.

And that, in the eyes of God is a mortal sin and anyone who dies in this state without asking for God's forgiveness is subject to spending the rest of eternity in Hell.

This is not me saying this or my opinion, this is God's opinion and this is God saying this so you better take this seriously and obey God by marrying one person in your life and never getting a divorce.

In the Bible it says God hates divorce.

8 the 3rd commandment says remember the Sabbath.

Read slide 8.

But it also says we must honor god on the Sabbath, and not just sit in a pew half asleep with our minds wondering all over the place.

We can live up to the 10 commandments by allowing god to live within us and helping us

The first 3 commandments honor god, the next 7 honor our neighbor.

We cannot love god without honoring our neighbor

We'll look at the first 3 commandments in this chapter

The First Commandment

9 read slide 9

10 Show slide 10 and mention there are 4,200 religions in the world.

11 When Moses was leading Israelites into the Promised Land the Jew got restless because they missed the comforts of their captivity in Egypt.

Some of the Jews said let us make a calf of gold and worship it.

They were hard pressed to stay faithful to god and looked to idols for satisfaction.

God asked them to love him, not idols, above all things.

This is the first commandment because it is the most important.

All good will follow in your life if you keep this commandment above all things.

But we also need to pray, adore and worship god.

Today there are many more things to worship other than god.

Worshiping other things that are not god is called idolatry.

If you do not actively worship god you are disobeying the first commandment.

You have to do something, mostly go to mass on Sunday as God has commanded, not recommended or suggested!

12 superstition, charms, omens, symbols and astrology is wrong worship and strictly forbidden by the first commandment of god.

It is unbelievable to me how many in the world believe in astrology, the belief that your life and future is dictated but the stars.

How incredibly ridiculous is astrology in the face of a loving and caring and life giving creator god.

13 Satanism is obviously wrong.

14 attempts to speak with the dead through a séance is against the first commandment.

15 palm reading is against the first commandment.

Going to a fortune teller and actually believing and acting according to what the fortune teller tells you is a grave sin against the first commandment.

Show them how your life line is cut in half.

What a lie palm reading is!

16 I'm sure you have heard the word **Sacrilege**. A sacrilege is the abuse of things consecrated to god.

Making improper use of a cross is a sacrilege such as done by the Ku Klux Klan.

Yes, they hate black people but..

Ask them who else they hate?

Did you know these life idiots also hate Catholics just as much!

17 I think the most offensive thing I have ever seen is a so called work of art by an artist name Roger Oglethorpe.

It was a crucifix in a jar of urine. This idiot took a picture of this and put it into a display of his art in Italy trying to make some sort of statement about his hatred of Jesus.

Trust me, someday Jesus will wipe that smirk off his face and it will not be pleasant for him.

18 **Simony** is the buying or selling things to grant god's favor.

A TV preacher saying you will be healed if you send in \$500.00 for healing oil is committing a sacrilege called Simony.

This is a mortal sin.

These guys live in palaces.

They are committing mortal sins and if they leave the TV studio and get hit by a car and die then they wind up in hell.

This is what happens to people who die with mortal sins on their souls.

Same deal not going to mass on Sunday.

19 **Atheism** is very prevalent today. Atheism is the belief there is no god!

This is like the greatest offense of the first commandment.

20 Here are a couple modern day atheists.

The guy who played Harry Potter, Daniel Ratchiff?

John Lennon, imagine there is no heaven or no hell beneath us, above us only sky's, dream about this glorious fact with me.

George Clooney, read slide read slide 19

21 Bill Murray, Brad Pitt read slide 20

22 Jodie Foster, Jack Black, Gwyneth Paltrow, read slide 21

God went to a great deal of effort to reveal himself to mankind and he has been ignored by the majority of mankind.

The ones on that very wide road that leads to destruction as mention by Jesus in the holy scriptures.

23 Years ago all public schools prayed a prayer in the morning before class.

But they stopped prayer in public schools because of a woman named Madeline Murry.

Tell story of her, Baltimore, atheist leader, **24** found bludgeoned to death and buried in some woods.

25 Catholics have images to represent the goodness of god.

These images are not worshiped; they just remind us of the good people or practices.

Look at a catholic church and a protestant church.

Mention the comfort a cross brings any time you see a cross.

The cross doesn't bring comfort but what it reminds us of brings comfort.

Refer them to the picture on slide 23 and remind them of the great good that came from the sacrifice of Jesus.

The Second Commandment

26 Read slide 26.

God calls us by name and a name is a sign of respect and honor

Today, god's name is not used respectfully, especially in the movies. This make god angry!

Blaspheming god and not confessing it subjects them to everlasting punishment in hell if not confessed and this type of language completely stopped.

The nicest guy in the world, if the only thing he does is take the Lord's name in vain is subject to going to hell!

How do we know this? God said so in the Bible and made it his second commandment.

Misusing god's name is a subtle way of showing we are losing respect for god.

Not doing your homework is a sign of not respecting god.

Doing your homework is a sign of the respect you have for God.

The Jews homored God name to such an extent they would not even say it or write it.

God said his name was Yahweh. I think this mean "I am".

The Jews only wrote the letters YHWH, where they removed the vowels "a" & "e".

This is the respect the Jews had for the holy name of God.

27 Blasphemy, using god's name in an offensive way or being offensive to a truth of our Lord.

Read slide 27.

This is just a way for people trying to be funny and sarcastic. Something you'd see on a political talk show or on Saturday Night live.

Not so funny some day when these people die and face the creator of life and creator of all things.

28 in Jesus' day, people who blasphemed were stoned to death.

Review slide

29 today we use a reverential manner by asking people to take oaths meaning they would definitely not lie if they answer in the name of god

Perjury, is lying after taking an oath and is a serious sin.

The second commandment is to keep god holy and sacred but today people poke fun at this attempt for holiness

God wants us to use his name to bless him, to praise him and to glorify him.

The Third Commandment: Origins of the Lord's Day

30 Read slide 30

31 God commanded the Jews to rest and worship God on at least one day a week, the Sabbath, the day of rest, like god resting on the 7th day to consider all things.

Sunday was the Lord's Day and since he resurrected on a Sunday we rest and worship him on this day

32 In this busy world this is hard to do but god never intended us to be this way.

He certainly didn't want us to spend Sunday morning this way without worshipping him.

I sincerely doubt most men spending Sunday morning this way went to mass on Saturday evening.

33 He wants us to remember him and spend time with him, much like families having Sunday dinner at mom and dad's home, this world is too busy.

34 We must, must do as Jesus did and taught us by his example if we are to have him live within us in union with the Holy Spirit.

We must pause from this busy world, retire to a place of absolute quiet with no distraction and contemplate our creator god;

Communion with him by prayer, prayer of our own words and our own thoughts.

Remember, this is not just a good idea God is giving us, or a recommendation or a wise thing to do, but it is a command.

God said you must do this, you must honor him or he'll not acknowledge you before the Father.

Observing the Lord's Day

35 Sunday is at the heart of the Christian's worship, it is where we listen to god's word, learn from him, praise him, petition him, and take Jesus into our bodies.

Remember what Jesus said about taking his body into our body, that person will live forever.

I don't know how you can be a Christian without worshipping god on Sunday.

Even the apostles worshiped god in community.

It wasn't enough to worship him in solitude.

You can still pray away from church, in bed, in the woods, or parks or even at the ocean.

But mass is like a gathering of a family, which is extremely important.

Unless absolutely necessary you should never, ever work on Sunday's

The world has lost respect for Sunday.

Recall blue laws in Maryland and what it was like growing up in your time, Howdy Doody.

I have great respect for companies like.....

36 Chic Filet

37 Auntie Ann &

38 Hobby Lobby, god blessed these businesses and indeed he has.

Remember the first three commandments.....say them.

39 The Catholic Church has given us some practical ways to live out our relationship with God to see to it that we obey these first three commandments and they are called the precepts of the Church.

And, they are..... read slide 39.